

Submitted by
Debra MacDonald



*A man without purpose is not only lost
to himself, but to all mankind.*

-Oscar A. Manning

Ben and Juli Manning
23323 87th Street
Salem, Wisconsin 53168
May 25, 2009

State of Michigan
Legislative Body

To Whom it May Concern:

We have recently been made aware of a proposal in Michigan, which would provide the opportunity for parole to individuals who were convicted of heinous crimes as a youth and were sentenced as an adult to life in prison without the ability for parole. We are writing this statement to make it clear that we adamantly oppose any shift in legislation that would allow any individual the ability to be paroled if their crime supported the life without parole sentence.

In June of 1999, our father, who is a hero to our family, a veteran for our country, and an outstanding member of the community was viciously murdered by Patrick Mclemore and Nathan Reid. At the time Mclemore was 16 years old, was convicted as an adult, and received a sentence of life without the opportunity for parole. The absolutely brutal and unconscionable manner in which Mclemore murdered our father merited the harshness of the sentence. In our mind the sentence should have gone further. To consider undoing this sentence would be an injustice to our father and to our family.

Our family has always been united, but this horrible event brought us all very firmly together. We were present at every court date. We listened intently to every word uttered during the testimonies. It was an extremely painful situation to endure and we would never wish that on any family. To create legislation that would require our family to re-live these events over and over in order to ensure this evil person would remain behind bars and safely away from society would be callous. This would create an undeserved punishment for families who are trying to put terrible events behind them.

Ten years later, we remember our father for the wonderful, caring man he was. It has taken a long time for all of the many wonderful memories to overpower the horrific memories of his murder. Although the horrible memories will always be with us, they have lessened with time.

We are strongly opposed to this legislation because, current sentencing for individuals convicted of heinous crimes is just, the change would create unnecessary risk to society, and it would inflict undo harm on the victims and their families.

Sincerely,
Ben and Juli Manning
Loving son and daughter in law of Oscar Manning

**Statement on Behalf
of
Nancy Manning McClellan, Daughter of Oscar A. Manning
May 22, 2009**

As the trial for the murder for our father proceeded, all five of us, the children of Oscar A. Manning, were present every single day. We were all present not only in strong support and love of one another, but because we wanted to make it crystal clear to the judicial system that we had lost an incredibly important person, and the world had lost an incredibly giving person, to a horrible crime. We arrived day after day, all day, without missing any opportunity to make the significance of the life of Oscar A. Manning apparent to the world. It was the least we could do for our dad and for each other, but it was a very time consuming, emotionally exhausting and physically demanding task.

Now we have all learned that this burden will be forced upon us. Forced in the sense that our presence, as the victim's family, will be required each time parole is considered for the person already convicted for perpetrating a crime on a perfectly innocent, loving human being. This is an unfair burden, a burden repeating all the emotionally exhausting, physically demanding and time consuming tasks that the actual trial created. Our family asks the questions "Why is the burden being shifted to the family of the victims?" and "Has our judicial system deteriorated to the point that convicted murderers have all the rights and advantages?"

The family of Oscar A. Manning demands an appropriate response to these questions, not only for our sake but for the countless families that will inevitably be affected by this incredibly inhumane proposal within our judicial system.

I personally feel that Nathen Reed and Patrick Maclamore should have recieved the Death Penalty, two weeks after finding them guilty of murder. It is not fare to the law-biding tax payers of Michigan to have to foot the bill for creatures of their nature and futhermore it will truely be a criminal misjustice to allow them and many others like them to be allowed to go up for paroll and possibly be returned to society. What the two did to our father was an act of terrorism and we have good men and women dieing every day stopping people of this calaber.....Let's honor their memory and my father's memory by keeping them locked up for their natural life or save tax payer's money by giving the death sentence to those found guilty of murder.....Terrie L. Galant, Daughter of Oscar A. Manning the victim of a violent crime.....

**Parole**

Sunday, May 24, 2009 8:26 PM

From: "garymcfalljr5135@comcast.net" <garymcfalljr5135@comcast.net>
To: "GARY & SUE" <s-fall@sbcglobal.net>

To whom it may concern,

To even consider letting someone who brutally beat an innocent loving elderly man to death a chance for parole is insane!

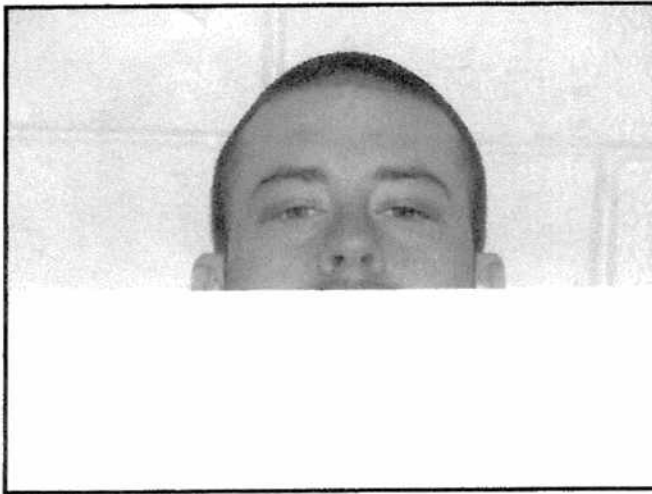
My grandfather was a friend to these two troubled teenagers. Gave them a job so they could earn money! Probably let them borrow money if they needed it because that was the sweet and caring man he was! And in return they rob him and take his life!

He had a family who loved him dearly and was engaged to be married! He had 10 grandchildren and 4 great children he will never see graduate or get married!

My personal opinion is that you are literally letting them get away with murder. All you are doing by offering an option for parole after such a horrific crime is letting them know it is okay to do it again!


Sincerely,

Gary McFall Jr. - Oscar Mannings oldest grandson, Garys wife Amy, and his great grandchlidren Jacob and Mitchell

[Michigan.gov Home](#)[New Offender Search](#)[Return to Search Results](#)[Contact MDOC](#)[Disclaimer](#)[MDOC Home](#)**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**MDOC Number: **302122**SID Number: **2198731H**Name: **PATRICK JAMES
MCLEMORE**Racial Identification: **White**Gender: **Male**Hair: **Brown**Eyes: **Green**Height: **5' 6"**Weight: **150 lbs.**Date of Birth: **09/28/1982 (26)**Image Date: **5/2/2009****PATRICK JAMES MCLEMORE****MDOC STATUS**Current Status: **Prisoner**Earliest Release Date: **LIFE**Assigned Location: **Chippewa Correctional Facility**Maximum Discharge Date: **LIFE**Security Level: **III****ALIASES****PJ****MARKS, SCARS & TATTOOS****None****PRISON SENTENCES****ACTIVE****Sentence 1**Offense: **Car Jacking**Minimum Sentence: **18 years 9 months 0 days**MCL#: **750.529A**Maximum Sentence: **50 years 0 months**Court File#: **99-4795-FCJ**Date of Offense: **06/14/1999**County: **Genesee**Date of Sentence: **01/31/2000**Conviction Type: **Jury****Sentence 2**

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION



MDOC Number: **300961**

SID Number: **1990521L**

Name: **NATHAN GENE REID**

Racial Identification: **White**

Gender: **Male**

Hair: **Brown**

Eyes: **Hazel**

Height: **5' 6"**

Weight: **130 lbs.**

Date of Birth: **01/12/1980 (29)**

Image Date: **3/26/2007**

NATHAN GENE REID

MDOC STATUS

Current Status: **Prisoner**

Earliest Release Date: **10/16/2032**

Assigned Location: **Kinross Correctional Facility**

Maximum Discharge Date: **06/16/2049**

Security Level: **II**

ALIASES

DINK

MARKS, SCARS & TATTOOS

Scar- Lower Right Arm

Tattoo- Left Arm - SKULL

Tattoo- Right Arm - SKULL W/FLAMES

PRISON SENTENCES

ACTIVE

Sentence 1

Offense: **Home Invasion - 1st Degree**

Minimum Sentence: **4 years 0 months 0 days**

MCL#: **750.110A2**

Maximum Sentence: **20 years 0 months**

Court File#: **99004797-FH-R**

Date of Offense: **06/15/1999**

County: **Genesee**

Date of Sentence: **03/08/2000**

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| Conviction Type: | Plea | | |

Sentence 3

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| Offense: | Car Jacking | Minimum Sentence: | 23 years 9 months 0 days |
| MCL#: | <u>750.529A</u> | Maximum Sentence: | 50 years 0 months |
| Court File#: | 99004796-FC-J | Date of Offense: | 06/14/1999 |
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| County: | Genesee | Date of Sentence: | 01/31/2000 |
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INACTIVE**None****PROBATION SENTENCES****ACTIVE****None****INACTIVE****None****SUPERVISION CONDITIONS****None**

Local News

Obituaries

MANNING, Oscar A. - Of Burton, age 67, died Wednesday, June 16, 1999. A Memorial Service will be

held 11AM

Monday,

June 21,

1999 at Re-

organized

Church of

Jesus Christ

of Latter

Day Saints,

1158 Bristol

Rd., Flint,

MI, Elder

Mary Mc-

Clellan offi-

ciating.

Cremation



has taken place. The family of Oscar invites all to attend a luncheon after the service at the church. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Boy Scouts Council of America, The Tall Pine Council. Envelopes are available at the church.

Allen

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in slaying of neighbor

Arrests follow discovery of victim's stolen car

By David V. Stevenson and Dennis L. Starny
JOURNAL STAFF WRITERS

DETROIT Police have arrested two teenagers in the slaying of a former Burton public official found dead Wednesday in his Pearl Street home.

Oscar Manning, 67, was found in his home at 6909 Pearl by his fiancée, Burton Detective Jon Efford this morning said an autopsy indicates that he had been beaten to death with a blunt object.

The two suspects, ages 19 and 16 and both from Burton, were arrested about 2 p.m. Thursday after

police found Manning's stolen car. Efford said both suspects live in Manning's neighborhood.

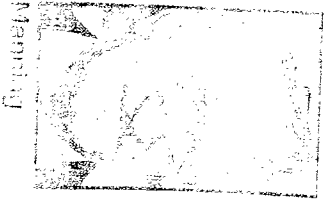
Efford said he will be seeking warrants from the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office today charging the teens with murder.

The arrests came hours after police recovered Manning's stolen car on Oshtemo Avenue on Flint's south side. The car, a beige Buick LeSabre, had been spray painted with black paint, apparently, in an attempt to disguise it.

Efford said witnesses told police the car had been abandoned with two flat tires about 1:24:5 a.m. Thursday by a man who was seen wiping it down with a towel. Police believe he was trying to remove finger prints.

Efford said he did not want to talk about the motive for the slaying, but said it appears that several items are missing from the house.

Many of Manning's friends still were trying to understand why anyone would kill a man they said was



Manning

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known for his kindness to others.

They said he served his his country and worked with the Boy Scouts of America.

They said he loved to play golf.

Recently, ill health apparently kept Manning from attending meetings of the properties committee of the Tall Pine Council of the Boy Scouts. Manning had served on the committee, which oversees Scout camps, for the past eight years, said Ray Morrell, Boy Scout executive at the council.

Before that, Manning served for about 15 years as a Scoutmaster for Troop 71. In 1990, he was honored with the Silver Beaver award, the highest honor a local council can give, for his long service to the Scouts, Morrell said.

"Oscar wanted to make sure we had good-quality programs for kids," Morrell said. "He wanted to make sure we were doing the right things for kids."

He also was awarded The Golden Arrowhead and was a Vigil member of the Boy Scouts' Order of Arrow.

At the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2777, members were saddened to hear of the loss of a good friend and veteran, said Kenneth Coon, post commander.

An honor guard from the VFW hall will be involved in a Monday memorial service for Manning, Coon said.

Manning was in the National Guard. He joined the Army during the Korean Conflict, serving in the Military Intelligence Department, attaining the rank of Master Sergeant.

"He just was one of the nicest guys you'd ever want to meet," Coon said. "It was a terrible way (to die). Somebody would have to be pretty darned wicked to do something to a man that was that nice. He will be sadly missed."

He had served on the Burton Zoning Board of Appeals for several years and ran unsuccessfully for the City Council in the mid-1980s.

Manning was born in Lachine, Michigan on Aug. 19, 1931. He lived in Lachine until age 16, when he moved to the Flint area to attend Flint Junior College, now known as Mott Community College.

Years later, Sharon Lovik worked with Manning at The Mail-

toy Corp., a real estate company. "He was a wonderful man," said Lovik. "This shouldn't happen to anybody, especially in their own home."

When she last talked to Manning, he was planning to be married in July and Lovik and others in the office were expecting invitations.

"This is sad, it has ruined a lot of people's lives," Lovik said. "It's just unreal."

Bernice Ramsey has known Oscar Manning and his late wife, Connie Manning, since 1977 through the VFW post. Connie Manning died in 1991.

"He and his wife were great people," Ramsey said. "This is such a shock."

A memorial service is planned for 11 a.m. Monday at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1158 Bristol Road. Flint A luncheon is planned after the service at the church, where he was a member.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Boy Scouts Council of America, The Tall Pine Council.

James L. Smith covers suburban police and crime issues. He can be reached at (313) 766-6322.

Sentencing brings end to family's trial ordeal

By RENE ROSENCRANTZ
Staff writer

GENESSEE CTY. — On behalf of her family, Nancy McClellan delivered a message to the courtroom of Judge Judith A. Fullerton.

The message was at times celebratory, reflecting on the life of her father, Oscar Manning, who was murdered in June of 1999, and other times bitter, revealing the abject pain of her family.

The family gathered for the sen-

PATRICK
MCLEMORE



McLemore, 17, who was charged as an adult with felony murder and convicted on Dec. 8, 1999, and Nathan Reed



NATHAN
REED

Reed, 20, who pled guilty to a charge of second-degree murder on Nov. 30, 1999. The court found McLemore and Reed guilty of murdering Manning, and also stealing the victim's car and other items from his home.

McClellan spoke to the court about the man her father was, the pain her family has endured, and the punishment his murderers deserved.

Manning was a man who made a tremendous mark on his family and his community, she said.

"We, as his family, didn't realize how well he was known until over 600 people came to his memorial services," she said.

McClellan traced the impact her father had on others to a philosophy he penned and lived by, "A man without purpose is not only lost to himself, but to all mankind."

Manning's purpose in life caused him to be a very giving man, volunteering his time to the Burton community through city council activity, zoning board, schools and Boy Scouts.

"Our family grew up hearing from others the phrase,

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"Oscar will give the shirt off his back if you need it," McClellan said.

"Oscar Manning was college educated, but he never became a college professor teaching lofty theories or the world's dogma. Instead, he consistently taught the important lessons of life and gave moral underpinnings to five very grateful children, 10 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and literally hundreds of boys in the scouting program."

Turning toward McLemore and Reed, McClellan expressed the pain the family has gone through since the murder.

"My father had befriended and hired Patrick McLemore to mow his lawn in an attempt to give him a productive purpose and a listening ear. Only to have these two betray that trust and friend-

ship in an unconscionable way," she said.

McClellan called both a permanent threat to society and called for them to be locked up forever.

"This tragedy is the result of a conscious choice. A conscious choice of evil," she said.

Before their sentencing, McLemore and Reed were given a chance to make a statement to the court. Both claimed some responsibility in Manning's death, but both denied any guilt in his actual murder.

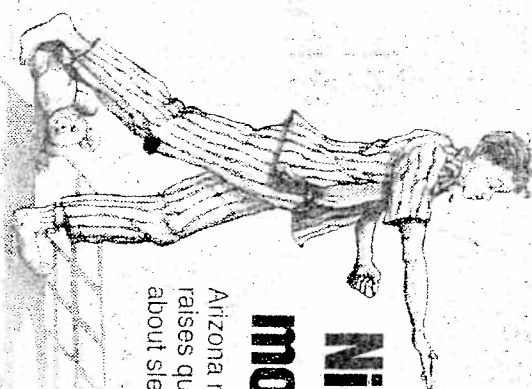
"I did do some wrong in this, but I did not participate in the murder of Oscar Manning," McLemore said.

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Arizona murder case raises questions about sleepwalking.

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Police probe slaying in home

By Laura Bailey
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

BURTON Police today were interviewing residents of a neighborhood where a real estate broker and former public official was found slain in his bedroom Wednesday, perhaps the victim of a robbery or burglary.

The body of Oscar A. Manning, 67, was found by his fiancée and a friend about 1:45 p.m. Police said he was the victim of a violent attack, but would not speculate on cause of death pending an autopsy today.

Burton Detective Don Elford said the home at 6099 Pearl St. had been ransacked and at least one item was taken, although there were no apparent signs of a forced entry. Manning died during a struggle, which may have happened during a robbery or a burglary, but nothing is certain, Elford said.

A 1984 Buick Lesabre four-door, license plate FRM 039, was stolen from the home, he said.

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Manning

A distraught man reacts to the death of Oscar Manning, whose body was found Wednesday in his Pearl Street home

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Police want to talk to several neighborhood residents who may have been witnesses to the crime, but Elford said there are no suspects. Anyone with information is requested to contact Burton police at (810) 742-2542.

Family members identified the body about 11 p.m., seven hours after the state police crime laboratory of Bridgeport arrived at the residence. The crime lab remained there until around 11 p.m.

Neighbors said Manning, a real estate broker and former teacher who also co-owned B.J. Rock, a company that does concrete work, had five children.

He formerly served on Burton's Zoning Board of Appeals and long-time Burton City Council member Charlie Cross said he remembers Manning as a strong-willed man who served Burton well.

Manning, who belonged to the Burton post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, inspired him to enter local politics by how he presented himself to the public, Cross said.

"If it hadn't have been for him, I probably wouldn't have gone into politics," he said.

Cross and Manning, whom Cross said he knew for about 22 years, ran against each other for a council seat about eight years ago, but still remained friends, he said.

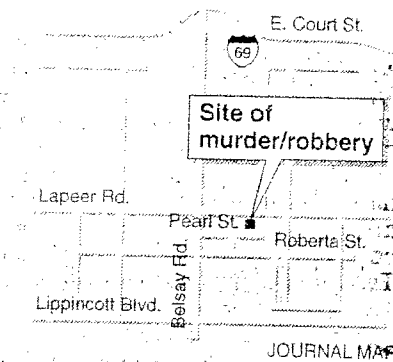
"He did a very gentlemanly campaign," he said, adding Manning voiced his opinion while on the zoning board. "He always let people know how he felt on issues."

Friends and neighbors described Manning as a devoted family man and good neighbor.

"I just don't understand it," said Theron Jory, 70, a 40-year friend to Manning and business partner in B.J. Rock. "I don't know why anybody would want to hurt Oscar."

Jory discovered his friend had been killed when he dropped by around 5 p.m. to measure Manning's driveway.

"We were going to dig it out



and pour him a new driveway," said Jory. "His kids were going to pay for it and surprise him. It was a birthday present and Father's Day present."

Jory said he's recently sold Manning - who liked to golf and hunt - the now missing car.

Pearl Street, near Lapeer and S. Belsay roads, appears a quiet residential area, but several neighbors said they had frequently complained to police about gang activities and break-ins.

Some neighbors said kids often cut across the property beside Manning's house rather than walk around the block.

"He used to sit out there and take pictures of the kids who walked across there," said Robert Ptaszenski, 47. "He was keeping track of the kids because of the break-ins in the neighborhood."

Neighbor Philip Donnelly, 17, recalled visits with Manning.

"He spent a lot of time alone, but he was a really good guy," Donnelly said.

In 1990, Manning was honored by the Tall Pine Council of the Boy Scouts of America with its highest award.

Beginning in 1975 as a cubmaster for Pack 210, Manning became a Scoutmaster of Troop 71 in 1977.

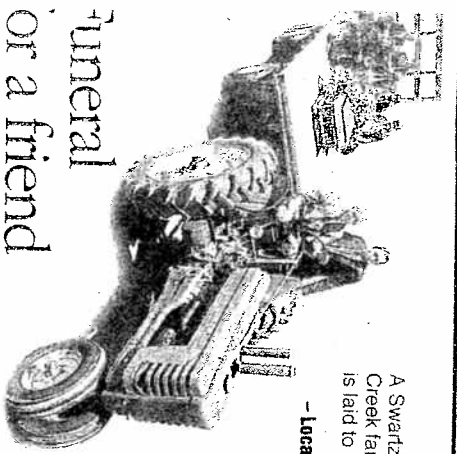
The Tall Pine Council honored Manning in 1984.

Journal staff writer David V. Graham contributed to this report.

Laura Bailey is the afternoon police and fire reporter. She can be reached at (810) 766-6331.

A Swartz Creek farmer is laid to rest

- Local News



Funeral for a friend

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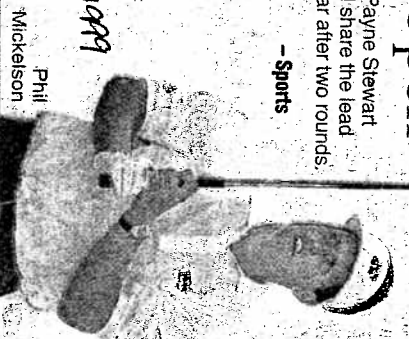
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Phil Mickelson, Payne Stewart and David Duval share the lead at three-under par after two rounds.

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Phil Mickelson

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Slaying heights neighbors' fears

Two Burton teenagers face charges of murder, robbery, carjacking

By Laura Bailey, Pat Muir and David V. Graham
JOURNAL STAFF WRITERS

BURTON As two teens were arraigned Friday on charges of beating a former public official to death in his home,

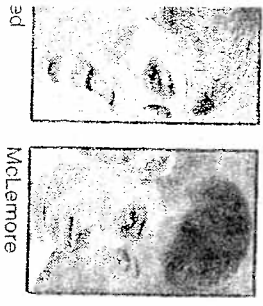
neighbors and law enforcement officers took a hard look at the increasing violence in their own back yards.

"I wasn't shocked (by the murder)," said Kim Lockery, a lifelong resident of the neighborhood where Oscar Manning, 67, died during a home invasion and

armed robbery. "The past few years I've been wondering when this was going to happen."

"The area has been violent for years and is getting continually worse," said Lockery, who is considering a move. "It's been very hard to watch," she said.

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charges of murder, felony murder, home invasion, armed robbery, carrying and felony firearms, in the arraignment Friday in Central District Court.

The felony firearms charge was added after police found evidence that the pair took Manning's gun after the crime, said Genesee County Prosecutor Arthur A. Busch.

District Judge Christopher R. Odette denied bond for both suspects on the murder charges and set cash bonds of \$1.2 million on the remaining charges. He scheduled a June 29 hearing.

Area law enforcement officers said they could not comment on the Burton homicide, but many said they have noticed an increase in the violence and brazenness of criminals in recent years.

Flint police Sgt. Alan Edwards said he has not noticed a trend in break-ins specifically, but assaultive crimes, in general, have become more violent.

"What I do see is what we're dealing with now is just about as violent and inhumane as it can be," he said.

Edwards cited a case in which a Flint boy, 3, was beaten with a cable cord — "worked over from head to toe" — for wetting his pants. Devotions Kemp died Nov. 18.

"I think it's been going on for a while now, even if you go back to Bonner Park. That was incredibly vicious," he said.

Michael Carter, 14, died, and Dustin Kaiser, 15, and Carter's girlfriend, 14, were all shot after they were lured into Bonner Park on June 19, 1997. The girl was also sexually assaulted. The case drew national attention.

Vicious attacks during home robberies are rarer — or at least they have been, said many officers.

Most break-ins do not end in violence simply because the homeowners are not home when they occur, said state police Sgt. Sandra Grove.

"(Yet) lately, we've been seeing a rash of people who are trying to break in when people are there," said Genesee County Sheriff's Lt. Trudy Smith.

Smith said break-ins in the out-county areas and when people are home are increasing. In most of them, homeowners were hurt only if they resisted the intruder, she said. That was the case in Holly Township,

when Michael L. Barnhart broke into a home Nov. 1 to steal in order to pay a \$500 drug debt.

Barnhart told police that a house guest confronted him during the break-in. After that, he said, he beat the occupants, who had been sleeping, with a claw hammer. All four died.

Police said things can turn deadly when a homeowner startles a thief.

"It's just like an animal: You trap them in a corner, and they will fight," said Flint Township Sgt. John Maniak.

At the arraignment Friday, Reid, who requested a court-appointed attorney, asked the judge if he could get work release while he is awaiting trial so he could work for his father in order to earn money, presumably for his defense. Odette denied his request, saying that given the severity of the charges, the court could not risk him fleeing the area.

When Odette ordered Reid to submit to police fingerprinting, Reid asked him if there was some doubt about the fingerprint evidence in the case.

Odette reminded Reid that anything he says in court can be held against him during his trial. The judge then said he was

not in a position to answer that question.

McLemore did not say much during his arraignment. His parents, who were in the courtroom, hired Flint attorney Dennis Lazar to represent their son. Lazar told Odette that the family might hire a different attorney to represent their son in the future.

Manning's body was found about 1 p.m. Wednesday by a friend and his fiancée. He was reportedly beaten about the face and head.

On Friday, Busch called the slaying "one of the most horrible, heinous crimes I've ever seen, a terrible, savage act."

He said he plans to prosecute McLemore as an adult.

"People who were opposed to the change in the state law that gives prosecutors discretion to prosecute juveniles as adults ought to take a look at this case," Busch said. "If this (16-year-old) suspect is convicted of this crime, he should never see the light of day again."

The death and arrests of the two neighborhood teens heightened neighborhood fears.

"To this point, I've not been afraid to go out to my car any time of day or night,"